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For: SECURIN IS REQUIRED FOR CHROMOSOMAL STABILITY IN HUMAN CELLS

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ADVISORY ACTION

Assistant Director of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 30, 2002 and the Advisory Action mailed December 18, 2002. Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. Claims 10-18 and 23 are indicated as allowed. Claims 1-9 and 19-22 stand rejected. A petition for a two-month extension of time accompanies this response. We believe no other fee is due. If any other fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-9 and 19-22 without prejudice to their future prosecution.

REMARKS

The Rejection of Claims 1-9 and 19-22 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-9, and 19-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Morales (*Oncogene*, 2000, vol. 19, pp. 403-409) and Zur et al. (*EMBO*, 2001 Feb 15, vol. 20, pp. 792-801) in view of Lengauer et al. (*Nature*, 1998, vol. 396, pp. 643-649). Claims 1-9 and 19-22